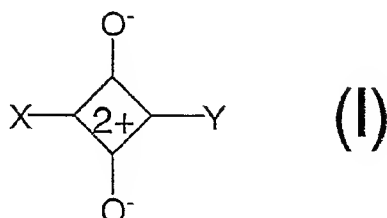
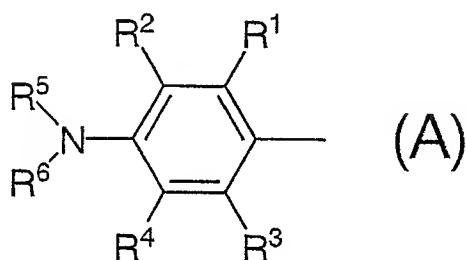


a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices,
comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (I):



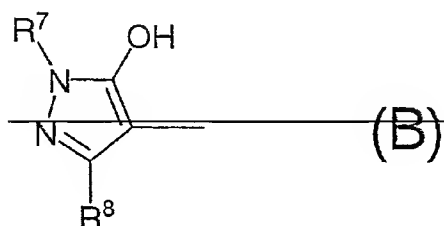
~~wherein~~ wherein X represents a group represented by following Formula (A):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R¹ and R², or R³ and R⁴ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R⁵ and R⁶ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R⁵ and R⁶

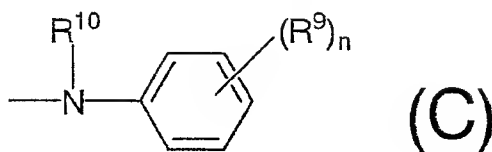
may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R^2 and R^5 , or R^4 and R^6 may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)), or
and

X represents a group represented by following Formula (B):



(wherein R^7 and R^8 independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s));
and

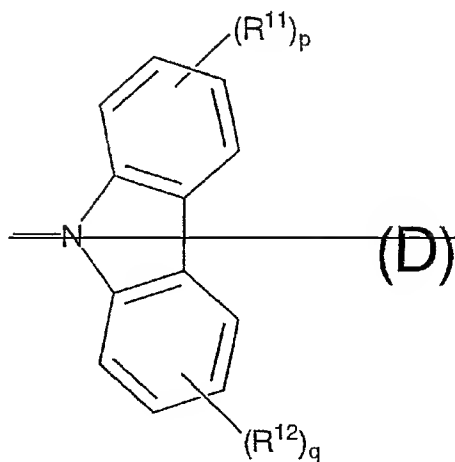
Y represents a group represented by following Formula (C):



(~~wherein~~ wherein R^9 represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R⁹s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R⁹s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R¹⁰ represents ~~a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or~~

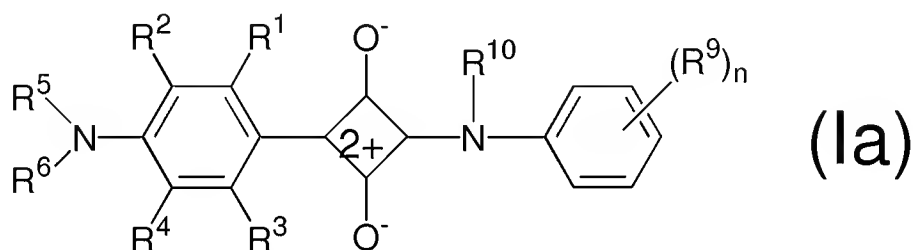
~~Y represents a group represented by following Formula (D):~~



~~(wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro~~

~~group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and "p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R¹¹s and respective R¹²s may be the same or different).~~

2. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



~~wherein~~ wherein R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R¹ and R², or R³ and R⁴ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

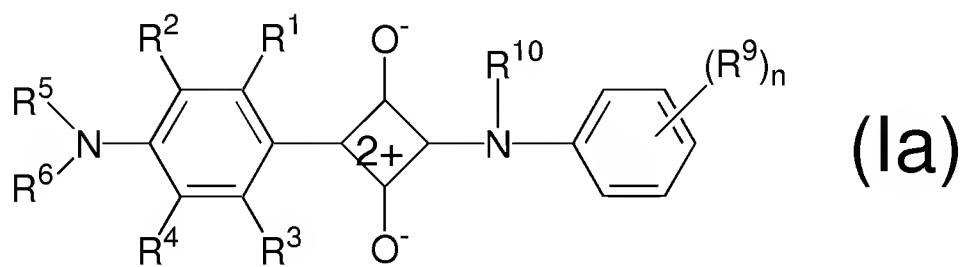
R⁵ and R⁶ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having

substituent(s), wherein R^5 and R^6 may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R^2 and R^5 , or R^4 and R^6 may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R^9 represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N- R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R^9 's may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R^9 's may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and

R^{10} represents ~~a hydrogen atom~~, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), substituent(s) ~~substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s))~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The filter~~ A filter for electronic display devices according to claim 2, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;

R^5 and R^6 are independently an alkyl group;

R^9 is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

R^{10} is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

Claims 4-11 (Cancelled).